

Amendment of Published Admissions Number (PAN) for Sudbourne Primary School

Lambeth Council, as the Admissions Authority for Sudbourne Primary School, are providing notice of a proposed change to the determined admission arrangements for 2021/22.

This proposal is part of a wider undertaking by the council to reduce Published Admissions Numbers (PANs) due to falling population across the borough. The PAN is the maximum number of pupils that the school can admit into its Reception classes each year.

Sudbourne Primary School is located at Hayter Road, SW2 5AP, within the London Borough of Lambeth.

The Local Authority is proposing to delay the school's intended increase to 90 as it will have a negative impact on local schools. The published PAN of 90 pupils will instead **remain at a PAN of 45 pupils for 2021/22 onwards.**

This is in accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012. This would apply to each Reception intake from 2021 onwards and not to children already in the school.

There was an increase in demand for Reception places in Lambeth schools between 2009 and 2014 and Lambeth built, refurbished and redeveloped schools across the borough to account for the fast-growing resident population. More recently a range of factors have occurred, including a 25% drop in the number of births, lower fertility rates, the impact of welfare reform and the impact of Brexit on migration, that have led to a year-on-year fall in Reception numbers, which is expected to continue until 2024/25.

Given that there are already spare Reception places in the area, there will be no discernible effect on other primary schools within the locality and this change will therefore support school places in the area.

In the long-term it is financially unviable for a school if it doesn't fill up so long term value for money will be achieved by ensuring that the school is the right size to reflect local demand.

Your views on this proposal are important to us and will be presented to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator (OSA) for approval. Lambeth Council want to hear the views of everyone who feels they might be affected by this proposed reduction to the Published Admission Number and are therefore consulting with parents, carers, governors, local councillors and other stakeholders.

You can provide your feedback by email, with the subject "2021 Variations" to:
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